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NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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During their voyage to England, a draft of New Zealand soldiers published a magazine under the title of *Te Karere, The Message*. Though the vessel stayed only a day and a half at a port of call, six thousand copies were printed there, with illustrated covers and cartoons, complete.

A lieutenant in a Yorkshire regiment made his will on the back of a photograph of a girl. It read, "In the event of my death I leave all my effects, including all money lying to my credit, to this young lady." The name and address of the girl followed.

The United States Government has renamed the interned German liners which have been seized. The *Vaterland* is now the *Leviathan*; the *Kronprinzessin Cecelie*, the *Mount Vernon*; the *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, the *Agamemnon*; the *Hamburg*, the *Powhatan*; the *Rhine*, the *Susquehanna*. The *George Washington*, the *President Grant* and the *President Lincoln* have not been renamed. It is stated that after the arrest of a German spy on Staten Island, the missing parts of the machinery of the *Vaterland*, removed by her officers when the ship was interned, were found carefully packed in cases in the cellar of his house.

The Danish Home Secretary has stated that tallow candles, train oil lamps and other means of lighting used in the far distant past, will probably become Denmark's only means of lighting in the near future, owing to the limitations imposed by the war.

American military doctors are going to the rescue of the overworked medical profession in England. About 200 are to serve in military hospitals in Great Britain while waiting their call to the hospitals to be set up for the United States Army in France, and the number is to be increased.

Crops of artichokes, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes and vegetable marrows have been raised in the garden of the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London.

The St. Louis and Harvard Hospitals in France have been bombed by the Germans. As a protective measure, hospitals and clearing stations are usually plainly marked by a large red cross on a white ground, painted, or set in mosaic, at the main approach, as well as by a full display of flags with the same emblem, of extreme size. This seems to invite attack, and it is at least likely that the American hospitals were specially selected.

A Danish soldier in the British Army received the Victoria Cross for rushing a German post, single-handed, capturing it with bombs, and forcing fifty Germans to surrender. He shouted, "I am going to pay you back

for 1864," when the war between Germany and Denmark took place, "I am a Dane."

A bag dropped from a Zeppelin during a recent raid over Suffolk, England, contained an electric hand lamp, a phial of whisky, a cigarette case, a table knife and some papers. It was found in a field by a farmer.

An English paper states that an insurance has been placed at Lloyd's by Letton, Percival & Co., Liverpool, by which for a premium of £25, the underwriters agree to pay £10,000 if Lord Kitchener was alive on August 21st last, proof to be furnished within three months of peace being signed. Lord Kitchener went down in the *Hampshire* on June 5, 1916. It is said that his sister still cherishes the hope that he is alive and a prisoner in Germany.

Alfred Paul Gardner, a Crimean veteran, aged 82, has recently died at Birmingham. He was nursed by Florence Nightingale, and gave her name to his second daughter.

A baby girl has been christened Vimy, in memory of her father's death in action at Vimy Ridge.

President Lyman Powell of Hobart College, Geneva, New York, was sent abroad in the Investigating Committee of the Presidents' Association of Colleges and Universities of the United States. On his return from France, he described the fate that has befallen the town of Chauny, in the Department of Aisne. The little city had 10,000 inhabitants and since its foundation in 1664, has been a center of glass manufacture. The Germans dismantled the glass factories, herded the young men and young women into an open space and took the young men for service behind the lines. Then they lined up the young women to be picked out by the German officers, according to rank. The highest officer chose the fairest girl, the next highest made their selection, and the common soldiers took those who remained. Only 300 of the original 10,000 inhabitants were left. It is to prevent scenes like these in our own land that we on this side of the Atlantic are fighting.

"No man can carry about with him an infectious disease without endangering others. Personal liberty should stop when the health of others is endangered. If our nation is to continue strong and vigorous, it must eradicate unnecessary disease. This work must extend through every grade of society. The nation as a whole can not be healthy so long as a part of it is diseased. Diphtheria, typhoid fever and other infectious diseases in the slums are a menace to those who live on the avenues. Through the light of knowledge of infectious diseases, it can truthfully be said that no man lives to himself alone."—Victor S. Vaughan, M.D., in *Public Health*.